

**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

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A RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to assign to the Indiana commission on mental health the study of psychiatric advance directives.

Whereas, At some time in the future, some Hoosiers may need mental health treatment and may be found incompetent to make the necessary decisions;

Whereas, Individuals who are concerned that they might be subject to involuntary psychiatric commitment or treatment in the future can prepare a legal document in advance to express choices about psychiatric treatment;

Whereas, This document is called an advance directive for mental health decision making;



Whereas, Advance directives empower individuals to make their treatment preferences known;

Whereas, An advance directive will improve communication between patients and their physicians, can prevent clashes with healthcare professionals over treatment, and may prevent forced treatment; and

Whereas, Having an advance directive may shorten hospital stays: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana house of representatives urges the
- 2 legislative council to assign to the Indiana commission on mental
- 3 health the study of psychiatric advance directives.

